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Dear Vlad:

Thanks for the invitation to the September 1 meeting of the Trustees of the Council. Unfortunately, I will be out of town that day and won't be able to attend.

I hope things go well for the Council and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Henry S. Rowen

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Dear Harry,

The questions of CIA funding this year for both the Council and the Soviet emigre survey project, which we spoke of at Jeremy's dinner, have been resolved. So I need not trouble you about either, except to thank you for offering to look into the matter if necessary and for whatever part you may have taken in the successful outcome. Next year remains uncertain, but we are in touch with Hans Heymann on that and I'm sure he will bring it to your attention if need be.

I expect you will shortly receive an invitation from Andy Marshall to a meeting with the Trustees of this Council on the afternoon of September 1st, to review its work and consult on a national research agenda on the USSR and East Europe for the future. We will hope that you'll find it possible to come (probably to the Pentagon). Meanwhile I thought it might be helpful to send you the enclosed original announcement of the Council's formation, which tells you whence it came, what for, and who the players are. You may be plagued by us for years.

It was a pleasure to meet you and I look forward to the next occasion.

Sincerely,



Vladimir I. Toumanoff

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The National Council for Soviet and East European Research was formed under District of Columbia law on February 10, 1978. It is an autonomous academic body with the following purpose: to develop and sustain a long-term, substantial and high-quality program of fundamental research dealing with major policy issues and questions of Soviet and East European social, political, economic, and historical development.

The Council will receive, through solicitation or otherwise, proposals for long- and short-term research projects responsive to its purpose stated above, and in relevant subject areas; and it will award contracts for such research projects as it judges appropriate. Research contracts funded by the Council will be public documents. It will not provide funds for classified projects nor will it accept or impose stipulations that would preclude open publication of research results.

In addition, the Council may, at its discretion, undertake the following activities:

(i) It may sponsor or award contracts for meetings, workshops, conferences, consultations, pilot studies, and such other activities as it might judge appropriate to the design, stimulation, or facilitation of relevant research, and the publication of results.

(ii) It may encourage provisions for research assistants, the acquisition and processing of basic research materials, travel for research purposes, the development of bibliographic and other aids, training for special skills, and such other activities with a training value as it may judge desirable.

(iii) It may facilitate contact and cooperation among individual scholars, and between them and specialists in government and private enterprise.

The Council will not itself undertake to conduct research, nor will it issue the results of research in its own name. The individual Trustees of the Council and its employees will be barred, during their tenure, from receiving funds through any Council research contract.

The Council will seek to attract funds from a variety of Federal Departments for the purpose described above. In this effort, it will endeavor particularly to locate and obtain funds that might not otherwise be available for academic and scholarly institutions in the field of Soviet and East European Studies. The Council's relationship with all Federal sources of funds will be public and such sources shall be identified as the Council's funding agencies.

The Council will deliver to its funding agencies the written products of research undertaken under its auspices, but investigators will retain the right to publish any results obtained.

The Council is still in the preliminary stages of organization, but expects to be in a position this year to fund a modest number of research projects from an initial pool of about \$500,000 received from the Department of Defense. Eligibility for funding as principal investigator will be limited to scholars at the postdoctoral level (or equivalent foreign degree) for academic participants, and to an equivalent degree of maturity and professional achievement for those from other fields. The Council will consider proposals for both large (including collaborative) and small projects, to be submitted through institutions in the United States of America only. The Council is in the process of preparing guidelines for the preparation and submission of proposals. Individuals and institutions interested in receiving these materials, or future notices of the Council's operations, are requested to notify the Council by mail addressed to

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Requests will be honored as soon as the materials are available.

Scholars should be guided by the following subject matter in formulating research proposals for this year's competition:

1. *The Operation of, and Long-Term Prospects for, the Soviet and East European Economies, Including the Burden of Defense*

Topics within this rubric might include the following: description and analysis of resource allocation and

major structural interactions of the Soviet and East European economies; analysis of the extent of the defense effort and its interaction with the economy and society over time; specific strengths and weaknesses of the economic systems; constraints arising from demographic, technological or institutional factors, or from the supply of energy and resources; how strengths and weaknesses shape Soviet and East European development and policies, with identification of critical choices; Soviet and East European perceptions of these matters.

2. *Long-Term Developments in Soviet and East European Foreign Policies, Especially as They Affect the United States*

Subjects here might entail: Soviet perceptions of, and objectives in, the USSR's long-term relations with the United States; Soviet views of the role of military, economic, and other foreign policy instrumentalities in Soviet relations with the U.S.; prospects for relations among East Europe, the Soviet Union, and the U.S.; Soviet responses to evolving Sino-Soviet and Sino-American relations; Soviet views on the regional and global roles of the USSR and how these might change in the future.

3. *Long-Term Trends in Soviet and East European Societies*

Matters to be examined here would include such topics as: bureaucratic behavior and group interest articulation; nationality issues; implications of changing population patterns; the evolving domestic role of the military in the Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe; repercussions of cultural, religious, and social diversity; changing patterns of regime-society relations.

4. *Soviet and East European Intentions, Objectives, and Policy Options*

The focus here is on the range of options, actual and potential, open to Soviet and East European leaders in responding to domestic and international problems of the kinds subsumed under 1, 2, and 3 above; factors or actions, both foreign and domestic, that might influence any of these.

The Council's anticipated deadline for the submission of proposals is July 31, 1978, with notice of awards shortly after September 30. Meanwhile, a preliminary statement (not more than five pages) of the substance of research projects to be proposed, including a first estimate of *direct* costs, would be helpful to the Council, and principal investigators are encouraged to send such a statement before June 1, 1978.

The Council is an independent, not-for-profit corporation formed with the assistance of the Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; the Provost of the University of Chicago; the Presidents of Columbia University, Duke University, Harvard University, the University of Illinois, Indiana University, the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford University, and The American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies; and the Chairman of the Academic Council of the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies of the Wilson Center. They have severally designated the following individuals to be the Council's initial Board of Trustees: Professor Robert Campbell; Professor Alexander Dallin*, (Chairman); Professor Ralph Fisher; Professor Chauncy Harris; Professor Herbert Levine*; Professor Richard Pipes; Professor Marc Raeff; Professor Nicholas Riasanovsky; Dr. Frederick Starr*, (Vice Chairman); Professor Donald Treadgold; Professor Vladimir Treml; Professor William Zimmerman*. The Council has chosen Mr. Vladimir Toumanoff* to be Executive Director and an *Ex Officio* Trustee.

Under contract from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Harvard University is providing administrative support to the Council pending establishment of its own offices and funding, at which time the association with Harvard will be terminated.

The Council would be grateful if recipients of this Public Notice would assist in bringing it to the attention of scholars and institutions that might be interested.

*Executive Committee

March 10, 1978